

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

ALDERMEN QUARREL OVER FRANCHISES.
CASH OFFERS FOR RAILWAY PRIVILEGES DIS-
REGARDED—AN EXCITING MEETING.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen held an excited meeting yesterday afternoon. There was a stormy debate over resolutions granting franchises to the surface railroad companies recently organized by P. H. Flynn, and in which a number of Democratic politicians are interested, and they were finally put through by a majority vote of the committee and of the board. The original application of the Kings County Electric Railway Company, of which Flynn is president, was made several weeks ago, and covered a large number of uptown streets. The company has already secured valuable franchises in Flatbush and Flatlands, but has not built a mile of road. As many of the streets asked for were partially occupied by the Brooklyn City Company or are contiguous to its lines, that company put in an application for the same streets and others, and offered to pay \$250,000 to the city for the franchises, covering some forty miles of streets. Later this offer was divided, and the Brooklyn City Company offered \$150,000 for the streets covered by the application of Flynn's company and \$100,000 for the others.

A fortnight ago a new company was organized under the name of the Nassau Electric Railway Company, ostensibly because the Kings County Company had only a small capital, and a new application was put in covering most of the same streets as in the former one and some new ones. Flynn was made president of this company, and some of the leading men in the Brooklyn City Company were interested in it, together with the politicians who were in the Kings County Company. The Brooklyn City Company withdrew its application covering the same streets as the Nassau Company's application, but it was not announced until the meeting yesterday afternoon.

At noon yesterday a majority of the members of the Railroad Committee, consisting of Aldermen McGrath, McGarry and Jordan, held a secret meeting and voted to grant the franchise asked for by the Nassau Company. The other two members of the committee, Aldermen Thomas (Rep.) and Wafer (Dem.), received no notice of the meeting yesterday, when the three "Ring" Democrats took their action. When the Board of Aldermen met later in the day Aldermen McGrath presented the report of the Railroad Committee granting the franchise asked for by the Nassau Company. Aldermen Thomas and Wafer protested against the reception of the report, saying that they had not been informed of a meeting of the committee, and that a "fake" meeting must have been held. Aldermen Pickering opposed the adoption of the report, and said that it was throwing away \$250,000 to grant a franchise to the Nassau Company, as the Brooklyn City Company had offered that sum for the franchise. He did not propose to be a party to any suit to recover this waste of public money.

Aldermen McGrath replied that the Brooklyn City Company had withdrawn its offer.

Aldermen Wafer denounced the granting of the franchise as the most outrageous legislation ever attempted in the city. There had been an unholy alliance of the interested companies, and it was proposed to make the city a party to the deal.

A motion to adjourn the report was voted down by 12 to 6, and then under the rule of the previous question the resolution granting the franchise was adopted by a vote of 13 to 5. Those voting in the negative were Aldermen Heaney, Wafer, Meyers, Pickering and Thomas.

A resolution was then introduced by the Railroad Committee granting the application of the Kings County Company for a franchise covering streets in Flatbush, Broadway and Cooper, and this was also adopted by the same vote.

An exciting scene occurred when Aldermen Black moved the previous question to cut off debate. Aldermen Heaney, Pickering and Wafer were all trying to speak at once, and President Coffey used his gavel to vainly to preserve order. Aldermen Heaney shouted "Is no member to be allowed to say anything in this matter?"

"Sit down!" thundered Coffey. "I defy the chairman to compel me to sit down. I know my rights in this body."

Coffey pounded the desk and cried, "Sit down!" while the members wrangled and shouted. Finally, Aldermen Wafer and Heaney shouted through their outrageous legislation. They have the thirteen votes, and the resolution was adopted by that vote.

The request of the Brooklyn City Railroad Company for a franchise covering streets not included in the Nassau Company's application was amended by the withdrawal of streets where the opposition to railroads has been expressed. In some instances, as in Putnam and Greene avenues, going so far as to secure the passage of bills exempting the streets from railroads.

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BRIDGE TRUSTEES TO MEET TOMORROW.
Owing to the fact that the Brooklyn members of the new Board of Bridge Trustees had not qualified there was no meeting yesterday. The new board, composed of Mayors Gilroy and Boody, Controllers Myers and Coffey, and Trustees Shinn, Henricks, Howell and Keeney, will meet for organization tomorrow. It is expected that President Howell will be re-elected without opposition, and that E. V. Skinner will be made vice-president. The reports for March show receipts from traffic of \$109,562.94, and expenditures of \$27,522.61. There were 3,759,446 passengers carried in the cars.

HIS LANDLORD OBJECTS TO PENNIES.
Because Edward Grampp, of No. 96 Cedar-st., Brooklyn, insisted upon paying the \$30 rent for his rooms in 3000 pennies every month, he is likely to be dispossessed. Justice Patterson, of the Second District Court, yesterday issued a dispossess warrant against Grampp, which is returnable this morning. Justice Patterson held that under the law the rent should be paid in easily negotiable currency, and was upheld in his decision by United States District Judge Charles Benedict and United States District Attorney Jesse Johnson. The latter quoted the statutes governing small coin, and said that the United States statutes could govern landlord and tenant proceedings in the courts.

MRS. KRONCKE BURIED.
The funeral of Mrs. Wilhelmine Kroncke, who was shot on Friday afternoon at her home, No. 529 Wythe-ave., took place yesterday afternoon. The Rev. F. J. Koerner, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, South Fifth and Driggs sts., conducted the service. The burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Kroncke had a preliminary hearing in the New York Police Court yesterday. He declined to make a statement, and was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

SHE WANTS \$250,000 FROM THE EQUITABLE.
Mrs. Sophronia Twichell has begun a suit against the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, to recover \$250,000 as damages for alleged false imprisonment. She calls herself a commission broker, and says that in her business she found it necessary to visit tenants of the Equitable Building, and that she has suffered annoyance and ridicule at the hands of the colored man known as "Big John," and a policeman named Lewis. On April 2, 1891, the former followed her about the building and the latter was directed to arrest her by superintendent Gerald Brown. She was locked up in the Old Slip Police Station, but honorably discharged by Police Justice Talbot the next day.

The defendant's answer that Mrs. Twichell had no right to enter the premises, frequented the Equitable Building and entered offices without the permission of tenants, seeking loans of money, and refused to retire when asked to do so. On April 2, 1891, she entered the office of superintendent Brown, and sat down, declaring she would not leave until arrested. She remained two hours, and was arrested by Officer Lewis when she refused to leave the building. Justice Talbot discharged her with a reprimand, and a counterclaim of \$2,000 for the expenses of the arrest caused to the tenants in the building by the plaintiff. The suit was called for trial yesterday but went over.

GATHERED AROUND THE TOWN.
Thomas Gott, forty-six years old, of No. 98 Albany-ave., who came to this country thirty-three years ago from China, where he was born, and is employed as a waiter in New York, registered at the Internal Revenue Collector's office yesterday and attached his photograph to the certificate, although this is no longer necessary.

The Kings County Republican General Committee will meet in the Criterion Theatre this evening and act upon the report of the Reorganization Committee, which provides for a system of election district representation in ward committees, and a new General Committee of 100 instead of 400 members.

Mrs. Mary A. Smith is suing the Commercial Mutual Accident Company to recover \$5,000 upon a policy upon the life of her son-in-law, Simon L. Frank, who was killed in a railroad accident in Albany county in July, 1892. His wife, who was also killed, was the beneficiary under the policy, but the coroner's jury failed to find which of them died first.

The South Congregational Church has given to its

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pastor, Dr. Albert J. Lyman, who has been with the church for nearly twenty years, a purse of \$7,000.

An unknown man was run over and killed at Fulton Ferry yesterday morning. He was crossing the gangway in front of a wagon of the Borden Condensed Milk Company when he was run over by it and killed instantly. He was well dressed and had the initials "B" on his silk handkerchief and "J. T. B." upon his cuff-buttons, with the card of "E. Prince, of the Twin City Horse Shoe Saloon, No. 54 Main-st., Norfolk, Va.," in his pocket. Michael Slater, who drove the wagon, was arrested.

The annual dinner of the Yale Alumni Association will take place this evening at the Union League Club. The speakers will include Dr. Charles H. Hall, Professor Henry P. Farman, St. Clair McKelway, Almet F. Jenks, Dr. David J. Burrell and Charles H. Sherrill.

An inquest was held by Coroner Kane yesterday in the case of William C. Robbins, who shot himself on Sunday in the Clarendon Hotel, and a verdict of suicide while suffering from mental disturbance was returned.

George Archibald was placed on trial in the Court of Oyer and Terminer yesterday for murder in the first degree in shooting Richard M. Howe in his poolroom at No. 181 Myrtle-ave. on September 11, 1892.

HOME NEWS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TODAY.

Dr. Buchanan's trial. Court of General Sessions.
Rapid Transit Commissioners. William Steinway's house. 3:30 p. m.
Board of Aldermen, City Hall.
Presbytery of New York. No. 25 University Place, 10 a. m.

Municipal Consolidation Inquiry Commission. No. 214 Broadway, 11 a. m.
Police and Pilot Commissioners' meetings.
Quill Club dinner, Clara's, evening.

XXIVth Assembly District Republican Association. No. 112 Broadway, 8 p. m.
Sylvan Society. No. 15 Washington-st., 3:30 p. m.
Gracie Society celebration, Lenox Lyceum, 8 p. m.
Presbyterian Missionary meeting. No. 53 Fifth-ave., 8 p. m.

Sons of the Daughters and Sons annual meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 8 p. m.
New-Yorker charter elections.
Teachers' Aid Association fair, Academy of Music, Brooklyn.

C. R. Hildebrand's lecture, Grotto Club, 8:30 p. m.
New-York Athletic Club governors, evening.
Torrey Botanical Club, Hamilton Hall, Columbia College, 8 p. m.

Auction sale of Knickerbocker art collection. Chickerbocker Hall, 8 p. m.
Sale in aid of Gallaudet Home, St. Ann's Church, 12 to 10 p. m.

New York and Brooklyn Association of Congregational Churches, Beecher Memorial Church, Brooklyn, evening.
Dinner to W. J. Dealy, Central Opera House, evening.
Fountain parkway meeting, Fountain Club, 8 p. m.

Women's Press Club benefit, Casino, 2 p. m.
Barnard College benefit, Madison Square Garden Concert Hall, 3:30 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Mrs. Mary Frances Shalvey, wife of Detective Edward Shalvey, of the Delancey-st. station, died at her home, No. 103 Monmouth-st., on Sunday night from Valvular disease of the heart. Her son, Edward J. Shalvey, is stenographer to the Grand Jury. The funeral will be at the house tomorrow morning.

The Hudson County reports that the Government now holds \$21,043,160 in bond for goods in the bonded warehouses. This amount is said to be the largest ever held by the Government for bonded goods.

Controller Myers was unable to be at his office yesterday. He was confined to his house, suffering with a severe cold, which his physician feared might terminate in grip.

Another Annexed District committee waited on Mayor Gilroy yesterday to ask him to appoint Jacob Seibold Commissioner of Street Improvements in place of Louis J. Heintz. An appointment is expected this week.

Dr. Joseph T. Dunn was appointed by Mayor Gilroy yesterday an inspector of schools for the Annexed District in place of Samuel E. Duffy, who did not accept the office. Dr. Dunn is a brother of Assistant Corporation Counsel J. P. Dunn. He took the customary oath of office and will enter upon his duties.

Lawrence P. Farley, a city fireman, demands \$100,000 damages from the city for injuries received when going to a fire on November 20. He was driving a horse cart through Broadway, and between Mott and Mulberry sts. he ran his cart into a truck standing in the street. It was there, he asserts, in violation of the city ordinance. Farley was thrown to the ground and alleges that his skull was fractured and that he received other injuries.

A. Goppold, a member of the New-York Produce Exchange, died at his home, No. 507 East Forty-eighth-st., on Sunday.

The investigation that is being made in the auditor's and cashier's departments at the Custom House has so far developed nothing that would show negligence on the part of any of those connected with these two departments. The investigation will be finished this week.

Many of the foreign fruit importers of this city are shocked over the action of Sicily fruit shippers in making Montreal so heavy a receiving point. The first steamer, the Harrington, due shortly at that port, carries 35,000 boxes of oranges and lemons, and it is followed by the Fremont with the extraordinary cargo of 60,000 boxes, said to be the heaviest cargo of oranges and lemons ever shipped from the Mediterranean to America.

Twelve of the British soldiers who came here on the Massachusetts last week to go to Chicago to take part in a military tournament at the World's Fair will probably be sent back by the British Consul. They refused to wear the bay uniforms provided for them, and were discharged. The others of the party have gone to Chicago.

EXCELLENT MATERIAL WELL MADE UP.
The clothing establishments of "Nicoll the Tailor," at Nos. 771 Broadway and 145 Bowery, are among the places of business here which have attracted general attention by the excellence of their work.

"Nicoll the Tailor" is known throughout the country as one of the leading makers of men's clothing, and the work turned out from the New-York houses justifies this reputation.

Mrs. Nicoll's display of spring clothing just now will be found by those looking for such articles to be varied and complete. A large line of Scotch cheviots in light blues and mixed colors is worthy of special mention, and from these goods Mrs. Nicoll is making up many an attractive business suit.

For the long, double-breasted frock coats, Nicoll has many beautiful pieces of dark, rough chevrons, which were selected abroad especially for him. There is also to be seen here a complete line of imported goods in gray and tan, selected particularly for spring wear. For style of cut and excellence of workmanship and finish in all the garments of his make, "Nicoll the Tailor" is well known, and has only to glance in at the window of either of his stores to be convinced of the taste used in the selection of goods. In the manufacture of the suit itself this same taste is displayed.

A WONDERFUL ENGINE, IF HIS STORY BE TRUE.
George Sheffield, a Massachusetts man, says he has invented a marine engine which will enable a steamship to go from New-York to Queenstown in three days and ten hours. In talking yesterday at the Maritime Exchange he said that his engine was an accomplished fact, and it could propel a vessel of 5,000 tons at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour. No coal is to be used in this ocean flyer, consequently there will be no furnaces or boilers. The funnels will also disappear. Screw propellers will be used, and enough motive power can be supplied from engines the size of two barrels to drive a big ship.

Two of the chief sources of power, he says, will be sugar and chloride of potash. The machinery is completed. Sheffield said that a small boat was building, in which the new engine would be tried on the East River next month. The engine, he said, was finished and was at No. 21 Fifth-st.

NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.

The annual meeting of the Jersey City and Bergen Railroad Company was held yesterday. This is the horse railroad company a majority of whose stock was recently bought by J. D. Cunningham, of New-York, from the Pennsylvania Railroad for the Consolidated Traction Company. The latter company controlled 4,001 shares out of 10,000 for the only ticket in nomination. The directors elected are Charles R. Thurston, James B. Vedder, William Brinley, John H. Perkins, Eliza B. Gaddis, George H. Swain, George S. Bayard, Philip N. Jackson, John H. Hardin, George W. Conkling and Abram Q. Garrett. The election of officers was held over.

George Green, of Jersey City, whose wife horse-whipped James A. Duke last week, attempted suicide Sunday night by taking strychnine. Mrs. Green said there was no reason why her husband should try to kill himself except that he was superstitious about the notoriety attending the horsewhipping of Duke.

The Jersey City Street and Water Commissioners yesterday ordered bids for building a pipe line from the summit-ave. reservoir to the waterworks at Belleville. The estimated cost is \$50,000.

ORANGE.

Motor cars Nos. 87 and 71 of the Orange and Newark Electric Street Car Line came in collision at Main and Prospect-sts., East Orange, at 6:25 o'clock yesterday morning, owing to the shifting of one of the tracks at the curve in relaying tracks. Car No. 71 was full of factory girls. They screamed when the glass in the windows of the cars was shattered. In the panic that followed the girls had narrow escapes from being crushed, and several were cut by flying glass. Charles Long, motorman of car No. 71, was injured by being crushed against the dashboard. He was taken to his home.

ELIZABETH.

There was a mysterious fire on Marshall-st., Elizabeth, at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, which destroyed property valued at \$2,000. It started in the oil tank of Frederick Adams with an explosion of an oil tank, and in a few minutes the house, a three-story building, was on fire. The families of Adams and Ferdinand Rella lived in the building, and had narrow escapes from death. A son of Mr. Rella, six years old, jumped from a second-story window, and his father, mother and brother were taken down a ladder in their night clothes. They lost all their property. Adams lost his stock, furniture and \$150 in money. Edward Mulholland owned the house and the dwelling adjoining. Both houses were consumed, together with Mulholland's workshop.

HOBOKEN.

Henry Ritter, a stage carpenter, at one time in the employ of Alexander Salvia, the actor, has brought out before Recorder McDonough, in Hoboken, to recover \$75 for wages due. Eighteen months ago, when salvia was playing in Jersey City, Ritter obtained an attachment against the salary of Salvia's company. It is alleged that a settlement was made by salvia with Justice Seymour. Ritter says he has never received the money.

HACKENSACK.

Valentine Luerne, the Hungarian brechtman, who was accidentally shot by Eugene Russell at Little Ferry about a week ago, died in the Hackensack Hospital yesterday. Russell has not been seen since the shooting.

OTHER SUBURBAN TOWNS.
WESTCHESTER COUNTY.
NEW-ROCHELLE.—A beautiful altar has been presented to Trinity Episcopal parish house, New-Rochelle, by Robert C. Fisher, in memory of his father, John T. Fisher.

The Republican ward primaries of New-Rochelle will be held Tuesday evening in each of the four wards of the village.

LONG ISLAND.
FLATBUSH.—The cornerstone of the Protestant Reformed Church at Lincoln Road and Bedford-ave., Flatbush, was laid yesterday afternoon by the Rev. De L. Wells, of the old Dutch Reformed Church of Flatbush. The Rev. Dr. Henry Herz, president of the South Church of the Reformed Church of Long Island, delivered the address.

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